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SECURE RETIREMENT BENEFITS VIA A

**CONVERSION PROCESS** 

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments.

## In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A method for providing a person with a secure[d] retirement program employs a computerized system to allocate assets owned by a person towards purchase of retirement benefits. The system selects at least one desired retirement benefit from a group of available retirement benefits. A user may specify a conversion period for allocating the assets to the selected benefits during this conversion period. The system allocates portions of the assets towards purchasing a fraction of the selected benefits at selected intervals within the conversion